EXHIBIT B

REINSURANCE AGREEMENT

FACULTATIVE CASUALTY EXCESS OF LOSS FOR COMMON ACCOUNT First Excess - \$500,000 Excess \$500,000

between

GERLING CLOBAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION, UNITED STATES BRANCH, NEW YORK, N.Y., (including the Hability of GLOBAL REINSURANCE COMPANY, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA)

AND THEIR QUOTA SHARE REINSURERS

(hereinafter collectively called the "Company"

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THE COMPANIES SPECIFIED IN THE RESPECTIVE INTERESTS AND LIABILITIES AGREEMENT TO WHICH THIS AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED

(hereinaiter called the "Reinsurer")

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WHEREAS the Company is desirous of reinsering certain of its liability arising under business accepted by it in its facultative Casualty Department

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto one with the other as respects Facultative Casualty business:

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ARTICLE 1

INSURING CLAUSE

- (A) The Reinsurer agrees for the consideration hereinafter appearing to pay to the Company up to but not exceeding \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) ultimate not loss each and every accident and/or occurrence any one original insured for which the Company shall become liable and shall pay in excess of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) ultimate net loss each and every accident and/or occurrence any one original insured under one or more original policies.
- (B) As respects Products Bodily Injury Liability Insurance assumed by the Company under Policies containing an aggregate limit of liability, the Reinsurer agrees to pay to the Company up to but not exceeding \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) aggregate ultimate not loss for which the Company shall become liable and shall pay in excess of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) aggregate ultimate net loss in respect of each annual period any one original insured under one or more original policies

The term "each and every accident and/or occurrence" as used herein shall be understood to mean "each and every accident or occurrence or series of accidents or occurrences arising out of any one event" provided that as respects:

- (a) Products Liability; said term shall be understood to mean "injuries to all persons and all damage to property of others proceeding from the use or consumption of one prepared or acquired lot of merchandise or product";
- (b) All other classes of Bodily Injury Liability; said term shall also be understood to mean, as regards each original insured, "Injuries to one or more than one person resulting from intection, contagion, poisoning or contamination proceeding from or traceable to the same causative agency";
- (c) Property Damage (other than Automobile and Products) risks; said term shall, subject to provisions (i) and (ii) below, also be understood to mean "loss or losses caused by a series of operations, events or occurrences arising out of operations at one specific site and which cannot be attributed to any single one of such operations, events or occurrences but rather to the cumulative effect of same".

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In assessing each and every accident and/or occurrence within the foregoing definition, it is understood and agreed that:

- (i) the series of operations, events or occurrences shall not extend over a period longer than 12 (Twelve) consecutive months, and
- (ii) the Company may elect the date on which the period of not exceeding 32 (Twelve) consecutive months shall be deemed to have commenced.

In the event that the series of operations, events or occurrences extend over a period longer than 12 (Twelve) consecutive months, then each consecutive period of 12 (Twelve) months, the first of which commences on the date elected under (ii) above, shall form the basis of claim under this Agreement.

(d) An occupational or other disease suffered by an employee which disease arises out of the employment and for which the employer is liable shall be deemed an accident within the meaning hereof. In case the Company shall within a Policy year sustain several losses arising out of such an occupational or other disease of one specific kind or class, suffered by several employees of one Insured, such losses shall be deemed to arise out of one accident. A loss as respects each employee affected by the disease shall be desined to have been sustained by the Company at the date when compensable disability of the employee commenced and at no other date.

ARTICLE II

UNDERLYING REINSURANCE AND CO-REINSURANCE

- (A) The Company is hereby granted permission to carry underlying excess of loss reinsurance, it being understood and agreed that in calculating the amount of any loss hereunder, and also in computing the amount in excess of which this Agreement attaches, the net loss of the Company shall not be considered as being reduced by any amount or amounts recoverable thereunder.
- (B) It is a warranty that the Company and its quota share reinsurers shall participate to the extent of 5% (Five percent) in this Agreement.

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ARTICLE III

EXCLUSIONS

- This Agreement shall specifically exclude coverage in respect of Policies of Reinsurance issued by the Company in respect of the following classes or classifications:
 - (a) Aviation liability risks, except in cases where such Aviation liability risks are incorporated in a Policy covering Comprehensive or General Liability;
 - (b) Railroads in respect of Bodily Injury Liability to third parties resulting from the transportation of freight and passengers only. It is agreed that it is the intention of this Agreement to cover, but not by way of limitation, Policies is sued by the Company in respect of Railroads covering Contractual Liability or Railroads Protective, or Owners' Protective, or Owners' and Contractors' Protective Insurance.
 - (c) Excess Catastrophe Reinsurance Treaties of Insurance Companies;
 - (d) Ocean Marine Business when written as such;
 - (e) Directors' and Officers' legal liability:
 - (i) Underground Coal Mining but only as respects Excess Workmen's Componsation;
 - (g) Operation of Aircraft but only as conjects Excess Workmen's Compensation;
 - (b) Fireworks Manufacturers out only as respects Excess Workmen's Compansation;
 - (i) Fuse Manufacturers but only as respects Excess Workmen's Comprensation;
 - (j) Explosive Risks but only as respects Excess Workmen's Compensation;
 - (k) Risk of War, Bombardment, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power or confiscation by order of any government or public authority as excluded under a standard policy containing a standard war exclusion clause.

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- (1) Nuclear risks as per attached wording.
- In the event the Company becomes interested in a prohibited risk other than (1) described above, without its knowledge, in respect of which no other Reinsurance arrangements are available to the Company, either by an existing Insured extending its operations or by an inadvertent acceptance by an Agent or otherwise of a Reinsured Company, this Agreement shall attach in respect to such prohibited risks but only until discovery by the Company and for not exceeding 30 (Thirty) days thereafter.

ARTICLE IV

ATTACHMENT

This Agreement shall take effect at the date and time specified in the Interests and Liabilities Agreement attached hereto and shall apply to all losses occurring on and after that date and time.

Notwithstanding the above paragraph, the liability of the Reinsurer in respect of the aggregate coverage on occupational or other disease which is provided under paragraph (d) of Article I shall attach as of the effective date of Policies becoming effective on or after the date and time specified in the Interests and Liabilities Agreement and as of the next renewal or anniversary date of Policies in force at Midnight, 31st December of the year of attachment.

ARTICLE V

CANCELLATION

This Agreement may be cancelled at Midnight any December 31st by either party giving the other at least 100 (One Hundred) days' notice in advance by registered mail.

Nevertheless, the Company at its sole option shall have the right to require this Agreement to continue to apply to all losses occurring on business in force during said period of 100 (One Hundred) days until their natural expiration or next anniversary date, whichever first occurs subject to the payment of the earned premium on such business.

Notwithstanding the second paragraph above, the liability of the Reinsurer in respect of the aggregate coverage on occupational or other disease which is provided under paragraph (d) of Article I shall continue until the next renewal or anniversary date, whichever first occurs, of Policies in force

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at the effective date of cancellation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

PREMIUM

The Company shall pay to the Reinsurer premium calculated at 8% (Eight Percent) of its gross net earned premium income in respect of business accepted by the Company in its Facultative Casualty Department.

By "gross not earned premium income" is meant the earned proportion of the Company's gross written premium in respect of the subject matter of this Agreement less cancellations and return of premium and premiums on Reinsurances which inure to the benefit of this Agreement.

The Company shall pay to the Reinsurer, in quarterly installments, Reinsurer's proportion of an annual Minimum and Deposit Premium of \$120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars). Should the premium for each annual period calculated in accordance with the first paragraph of this Article exceed the said Minimum and Deposit Premium for each annual period, the Company agrees to pay the difference to the Reinsurer.

ARTICLE VII

ULTIMATE NET LOSS CLAUSE

"Ultimate Net Loss" shall mean the sum actually paid in cash in the settlement of losses for which the Company is liable, after deducting all salvages, recoveries and other reinsurance provided, however, that in the event of the insolvency of the Company, "Ultimate Net Loss" shall mean the amount of loss which the insolvent Company has incurred or is liable for, and payment by the Reinsurer shall be made to the receiver or statutory successor of the Company in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE XII, of this Reinsurance Agreement known as the "Insolvency Clause".

ARTICLE VIII

CLAIMS

The Company shall advise the Reinsurer with reasonable promptitude of any loss occurrence or event in which the Reinsurer is likely to be involved and shall provide the Reinsurer with full information relative thereto.

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The Reinsurer, through its appointed representatives, shall have the right to co-operate with the Company in the descense and/or settlement of any claim or claims in which it may be interested. All settlements made by the Company in co-operation with the Reinsurer's appointed representatives shall be binding on the Reinsurer, and all settlements made by the Company in cases where the Reinsurer elects not to co-operate with the Company shall be binding on the Reinsurer.

The Company agrees that all papers connected with the adjustment of claims shall at any reasonable time be at the command of the Reinsurer or parties designated by it for inspection.

Reinsurers not authorized to do business in the State of New York shall upon request make cash advances for losses incurred but not paid in an amount not to exceed the Reinsurer's share of such unpaid claims. Cash advances shall be made within 10 (Ten) days after notification by the Company.

ARTICLE IX

DIVISION OF SETTLEMENT COSTS CLAUSE

Expenses incurred by the Company in connection with the investigation and adjustment of claims and suits shall be apportioned as follows:

- (a) Should the claims or suits arising out of any one occurrence be adjusted for a sum not exceeding the amount in excess of which Reinsurer hereunder become liable, then no expenses shall be payable by the Reinsurer;
- (b) Should, however, the sum which is paid in adjustment of such claims or suit result in an amount being recovered under this Agreement, then the expenses shall be borne by the Company and the Reinsurer in the ratio of their respective liabilities as finally determined provided, however, that the Reinsurer shall not be liable for any part of the salaries of officials of or office expenses of the Company.

ARTICLE X

COMMUTATION

In the event of the Company becoming liable to make periodical payments under any business reinsured hereunder, the Reinsurer at any time after 24 (Twenty Four) months from the date of the occurrence, shall be at liberty to redeem the payments falling due from it by the payment of a lump sum.

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In such event, the Company and the Reinsurer shall mutually appoint an Actuary or Appraiser to investigate, determine and capitalize the claim. The Reinsurer's proportion of the amount so determined shall be considered the amount of loss hereunder and the payment thereof shall constitute a complete release of the Reinsurer for its liability for such claim so capitalized.

ARTICLE XI

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

No accidental errors and/or omissions upon the part of the Company shall relieve the Reinsurer of liability provided such errors and/or omissions are rectified as soon after discovery as possible. Nevertheless, the Reinsurer shall not be liable in respect of any business which may have been inadvertently included in the premium computation but which ought not to have been included by reason of the conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII

INSOLVENCY CLAUSE

In consideration of the continuing and reciprocal benefits to accrue hereunder to the Reinsurer, the Reinsurer hereby agrees that as to all reinsurance made, ceded, renewed or otherwise becoming effective under this Agreement, the reinsurance shall be payable by the Reinsur, r on the basis of the liability of the Company under the contract or contracts reinsured, without diminution because of the insolvency of the Company directly to the Company or to its liquidator, receiver or other statutory successor, except as provided by Section 315 of the New York Insurance Law or except (a) where the contract specifically provides another payer of such reinsurance in the event of insolvency of the Company and (b) where the Reinsurer with the consent of the direct Assured or Assureds has assumed such policy obligations of the Company as direct obligations of the Reinsurar to the payers under such policies and in substitution for the obligations of the Company to such payee.

It is further agreed and understood that in the event of insolvency of the Company, the liquidator or receiver or statutory successor of the insolvent Company shall give written notice to the Reinsurer of the pendency of a claim against the insolvent Company on the policy or bond remsured with the Reinsurer within a reasonable time after such claim is filed in the insolvency proceeding; and that during the pendency of such claim the Reinsurer may investigate such claim and interpose, at its own expense, in the proceeding where such claim is to be adjudicated any defense or defenses which it may deem

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available to the Company or its liquidator or receiver or statutory successor. The expense thus incurred by the Reinsurer shall be chargeable subject to court approval against the insolvent Company as part of the expense of liquidation to the extent of a proportionate share of the benefit which may accrue to the Company solely as a result of the defense undertaken by the Reinsurer.

Where two or more Reinsurers are involved in the same claim, and a majority in interest elect to interpose defense to such claim, the expense shall be apportioned in accordance with the terms of this Agreement as though such expense had been incurred by the Company.

ARTICLE XIII

LEGALITY

It is specially provided, anything to the contrary notwithstanding, that if any law or regulation of the Federal or any State or Local Government of the United States or the decision of any Court shall render illegal the arrangements hereby made, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by the Company upon giving notice to the Reinsurer of such law or decision and of its intention to terminate this Agraement provided always that the Reinsurer cannot comply with such law or with the terms of such decisions.

ARTICLE XIV

ARBITRATION

- (a) Any dispute or difference hereafter arising with reference to the interpretation, application or effect of this Reinsurance Agreement or any part thereof, whether arising before or after termination of the Reinsurance Agreement, shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) arbitrators and an umpire, who shall be active or retired officers of Insurance or Reinsurance Companies. The seat of the Board of Arbitration shall be in New York unless the disputants agree otherwise.
- (b) One (1) arbitrator shall be chosen by the Company and the other by the Reinsurer. The umpire shall be chosen by the two (2) arbitrators.
- (c) Arbitration shall be initiated by either the Company or the Reinsurer (the petitioner) demanding arbitration and naming its arbitrator. The other party (the respondent) shall then have thirty (30) days, after receiving demand in writing from the potitioner, within which to designate its arbitrator. In case the respondent fails to designate

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its arbitrator within the time stated above, the petitioner is expressly authorized and empowered to name the second arbitrator, and the respondent shall not be deemed aggrieved thereby. The arbitrators shall designate an umpire within thirty (30) days after both arbitrators have been named. In the event the two (2) arbitrators do not agree within thirty (30) days on the selection of an umpire, each shall nominate one (1) umpire. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the selection shall be made by drawing lots. The name of the party first drawn shall be the umpire.

- (d) Each party shall submit its case to the Board of Arbitration within thirty (30) days from the date of the appointment of the umpire, but this period of time may be extended by unanimous consent, in writing, of the Board. The Board shall interpret this Reinsurance Agreement as an honorable engagement rather than as a merely technical legal obligation and shall make its award with a view to effecting the general purpose of this Reinsurance Agreement in a reasonable manner, rather than in accordance with the literal interpretation of the language. It shall be relieved from all judicial formalities and may abstain from following the strict rules of law. The decision in writing of the Board or a majority of the Board rendered at the earliest convenient date shall be final and binding upon all parties.
- (e) The Company and the Reinsurer shall each pay the fee of its own arbitrator and half the fee of the umpire, and the remaining costs of the arbitration shall be paid as the Board shall direct. In the event both arbitrators are chosen by the petitioner, as provided in paragraph (C) above, the Company and the Reinsurer shall each pay one half (1/2) of the fees of both of the arbitrators and the umpire, and the remaining costs of the arbitrations shall be paid as the Board shall direct.

ARTICLE XV

HONORABLE_UNDERTAKING

This Agreement shall be construed as an honorable undertaking between the parties hereto not to be defeated by technical legal construction, it being the intention of this Agreement that the fortunes of the Reinsurer shall follow the fortunes of the Company.

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(a) because effective on or after let date and contain the Broad Exclusion Provision by the destru thereot. It is further provided that original liability policies affording coverages described in this paragraph (3), (other than those policies and coverages described in (i) and (ii) above), which become effective before 1st May, 1960, and so not contain the Broad Exclusion Provision set out in any Nuclear Incident Exclusion Provision set out in any Nuclear Incident Exclusion Clause-Liability-Reissuanne endorseements prior to Pebruery 4, 1960, shall be constrained as if incorporating such portions of the Broad Exclusion Provision set out above so are more liberal to the holders of such militian. policies.

(4) Without in any way restricting the operation of paragraph (1) of this clause it is understood and agreed that original liability policies of the Company (its), for those classes of policies

(a) described in Clause II of paragraph (2) effective before let June, 1958, or

(b) described in paragraph (8) effective before Iss March, 1958, or

(c) described in paragraph (8) effective before Iss March, 1958, or

(d) described in paragraph (8) effective before Iss March, 1958, or

(e) described in paragraph (1) effective before Iss March, 1958, or

(ii) Without in any way restricting the operation of paragraph (1) of this Clause, it is understood and agreed that paragraphs (2) and (3) above are not applicable to original liability policies of the Company (iss) in Canada and that with respect to each policies this Clause shall be deemed to beliede the Nuclear Energy Liability Exclusion Previsions actually used on such policies by the Company (iss); previded that if the Company (iss) shall full to include such Exclusion Previsions.

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GERLING GLOBAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION, U.S. BRANCH, New York, N. Y. AND THEIR QUOTA SHARE REINSURERS, of the one part and

GUARANTY REINSURANCE COMPANY, Chicago, III. of the other part.

It is hereby understood and agreed that effective January 1, 1970 the third paragraph of ARTICLE VI, Premium, of the attached Agreement is amended to read as follows:

The Company shall pay to the Reinsurer, in quarterly installments! Reinsurer's proportion of an annual Deposit Premium of \$180,000 (Onehundredeightythousand Dollars). Should the Premium for each annual period calculated in accordance with the first paragraph of this Article exceed the said Deposit Premium for each annual period, the Company agrees to pay the difference to the Reinsurer, but should it be less, it is agreed that the Minimum Premium payable to the Reinsurer shall be its proportion of \$120,000 (Onehundredtwentythousand Dollars) for each annual period this Agreement is in force.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers, have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, as of the dates undermentioned.

At New York, N. Y.

this

29th day of Jan. 1970

GERLING GLOBAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION, U.S. BRANCH By GERLING GLOBAL OFFICES INC., U.S. MANAGER

this

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and

GUARANTY REINSURANCE COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois of the other part.

It is hereby understood and agreed that effective 12:01 a.m. 1st October 1970 the Argonaut Insurance Company, Menlo Park, Calif., is substituted as Subscribing Reinsurer for the share heretofore subscribed to by the Guaranty Reinsurance Company, Chicago, Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers, have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, as of the dates undermentioned.

At New York, N.Y.

this 21st day of October.

GERLING GLOBAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION, U.S. BRANCH By GERLING GLOBAL OFFICES INC., U.S. MANAGER

President Secretary
and at Cheenyo, Illenois this 16th day of October 1970

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ADDENDUM NO. 2 to the

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> ARGONAUT INSURANCE COMPANY CHICAGO, ILL. 60606

of the other part.

It is hereby understood and agreed that effective January 1, 1971 the third paragraph of ARTICLE VI, Premium, of the attached Agreement is amended to read as follows:

The Company shall pay to the Reinsurer, in quarterly installments, Reinsurer's proportion of an annual Deposit Premium of \$200,000 (Twohundredthousand Dollars). Should the Premium for each annual period calculated in accordance with the first paragraph of this Article exceed the said Deposit Premium for each annual period, the Company agrees to pay the difference to the Reinsurer, but should it be less, it is agreed that the Minimum Premium payable to the Reinsurer shall be its proportion of \$120,000 (Onehundredtwentythousand Dollars) for each annual period this Agreement is in force.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers, have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, as of the dated undermentioned.

At New York, N. Y.

21st this day of October 1970

GERLING GLOBAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION, U.S. BRANCH By GERLING GLOBAL OFFICES INC., U.S. MANAGER

and at Chicago, Illinois this 2676 day of Octob

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UNITED STATES BRANCH

U. S. MANAGER GERLING GLOBAL OFFICES INC.

Z'Z FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

December 18, 1970

Argonaut Insurance Company 2 North Riverside Plaza Chicago, Ill. 60506

Re: Your participation in our 1st Excess of Loss for Facultative Casualty Business - File No. 4603

Gentlemen:

Prior to January 1, 1971, all of our excess protection was written for the common account of Gerling Global Reinsurance Corporation and their Quota Share Reinsurers. The basic quota share treaty provides protection for us when Motor Truck Cargo insurance was written in conjunction with Bodily Injury and Property Damage with a minimum underlying limit of \$2,000,000.00 combined over these three coverages.

We have eliminated the quota share treaty as of January 1, 1971 and it is our intention to continue to accept this type of business.

We would appreciate it if you would sign the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgement of this,

Bernd Vogelsang Secretary

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acknowledges: Argonaut Insurance Company By: Robert A. Schermen Jr

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